

On the basis of what is known at this time, Monsanto does not feel that its plant contributed to the pollution in the creek, and, thus, we do not feel that the clean up of the area should be our responsibility. As a matter of fact, we believe it is premature to talk about a clean up operation until more information is obtained. We stand ready to continue assisting the State in this effort. The IEPA has said there is no imminent hazard and we agree. The well water sampling is certainly an encouraging indicator that the pollution in the creek is not contaminating the ground water and that it is a very important point. Furthermore, nothing in these most recent sampling results detracts from the original speculation that the source of the PCB's and some of the other contaminants is illegal or "Midnight" dumping by persons still unknown. Monsanto is fully cooperating with the State in its investigation to identify the party or parties responsible for the pollution. We are also prepared to continue providing our technical resources to aid in gathering additional information. The results to date are hardly the basis for making any clean up decisions.

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Off Record - Not interested in participating

- Do not feel we are cause  
'32 flow to sewer  
'36 started dept.  
Probably illegal dumpers

- Well water sample is encouraging that  
no ground water contamination is occurring

- Will continue to offer our analytical  
services where appropriate - do have  
a limit to resources

- Suggest ~~area~~ be covered with dirt ~~on~~ day -  
do not think it is against law

*State Bureau covering - Hanks*

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